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Fall 2015

Communication

The role of the vice-president of communication is to coordinate and facilitate communication within LWMLC. That certainly sounds like a huge undertaking for one person. That is why the communication committee is so essential in carrying out this role.

A variety of communication tools are used to convey information to members. Print is still important as it includes *Tapestry*, *Get Connected* and special mailings when required. Our LWMLC website connects members to the Resource Centre and Christian Growth materials such as the monthly prayer calendar. For those members on Facebook and Twitter we are there, too.

General Council and committee members are kept in touch with @lutheranwomen.ca emails and GoToMeetings administered by the committee. The committee facilitates the layout and publication of both print and online of materials produced by the other committees.

News that needs to be shared in a timely fashion is shared using LWML-Canada Update or LWMLC News which is our blog.

Communication is a two-way process with each society providing a contact so information can be shared. Societies are invited to share their activities by sending in articles and photographs.

The most important communication tool that all members have is prayer. During this triennium, I encourage everyone to pray for guidance as we face a future of change and uncertainty.

Gail Mitchell

Website resources for you

Devotions page/program planner: September is here and everyone is getting into the comfortable routine that fall brings. Women are gathering at LWMLC meetings across Canada—making plans for LWMLC Sunday, deciding on what missions their society might like to support over the next year and getting back into the Word. If you're a society president or in charge of Christian Growth for your society, we've taken the burden of planning your openings or closings off your shoulders. The new program planner—*Spice up your Meetings*—takes 10 different psalms and applies them to our lives with the help of a devotion, prayer, activity and hymn. Go to www.lutheranwomen.ca/productsresources/program-planner/ and download a copy of the devotion for this month to use at your meeting.

The September psalm is already posted. Look for the October psalm and related materials any time after the 28th of September. Future psalms will be posted by the 28th of the month before their use.

Devotions page/monthly devotion: The zones and districts within LWMLC will be meeting over the next couple of months to discuss what happened at the national convention in Waterloo, finalize the plans for their own district conventions next year and spend some time on the topic of REFRESH, RENEW, REJOICE TODAY! Go to www.lutheranwomen.ca/grow/devotions/ and download an opening devotion that focuses on servant/leaders—Jesus to us and us to others.

Prayer page: Please note that the Monday Noon Prayer has been discontinued. You are encouraged to use the prayer suggestions found on the prayer calendar. Visit www.lutheranwomen.ca/grow/prayer/.

Convention videos: The links to these videos have been moved to the Convention Business/post-convention news page – www.lutheranwomen.ca/events/conventions/post-convention-news/.

Sidebar (on all pages): Links to the convention videos are provided under What's New and Convention 2015 for your convenience.

LWML-Canada Update? Here's how to sign up.

LWML-Canada Update is received by e-mail. Anyone may subscribe. Go to www.lutheranwomen.ca. On the right side, under "Other Links" click on LWMLC Update. It will take you to a page where you can click the link, fill in the resulting request and it's done. By doing it this way you give us permission to send you these updates. Any time you wish to stop receiving them, check the bottom of any LWML-Canada Update and click on unsubscribe.

*Lorraine Kaija,
VP Member Development*

Officers elected to serve

At the beginning of a new triennium and at the beginning of each year for societies, it's good to review the work we are doing and the roles set out for us in our procedures and guidelines. Each society may or may not have the same elected positions as our national General Council. Each society functions in its own way as they are called to serve our Lord with their unique resources.

In our procedures manual the duties of the president of LWMLC are three pages long. Very briefly, the president is the person who is responsible for making sure the work of our league gets done.

The detailed duties of the president are divided into seven areas:

- 1) Preside at conventions and all general council, executive and inter-committee meetings.
- 2) Receive and approve all vouchers for payment of expenses and mission grants. The treasurer and the president work together in consultation with General Council to prepare convention and triennium budgets.
- 3) Be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- 4) Be responsible for the execution of resolutions passed by the Convention, General Council and Executive, and keep members informed of these resolutions.
- 5) Prepare reports to General Council, to conventions and to the LCC Board of Directors.

6) Serve as the official spokesman for LWMLC.

7) Prepare an article for the president's column and review all issues of *Tapestry* before printing.

One online definition of "president" is "an elected official having the position of chief of state but usually only minimal political powers in a republic having a parliamentary government." To translate that closer to the language of LWMLC, the president is elected to be the leader of our organization, but is the servant of our members and of God.

God gives each of our elected leaders the strength and the wisdom to carry out His plan for our organization. All of our elected leaders work for our members and look to our members for ideas and

help to equip, motivate, and encourage women to *grow in God's word, serve God's people and share God's Son.*

Each member of our organization contributes to the whole of our organization. As we read in 1 Corinthians 13:14, 18-20: *For the body does not consist of one member but of many. But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.*

Thanks and praise to God for bringing us together, in mission for Him!

President Iris



LWML-Canada Sunday provides opportunity to serve

Whether you are able to celebrate LWML-Canada Sunday on the designated day, the first Sunday of October, keep in mind the wonderful resources we have available online and through the LWML-Canada Resource Centre in Winnipeg.

LWMLC Sunday is a good opportunity to include a dedication for an ingathering of whatever items your congregation has been collecting. A revised

version of the dedication used at our recent national convention is provided with the other materials available for LWML-Canada Sunday. Download from www.lutheranwomen.ca or order from the Resource Centre and receive by e-mail, on CD or in print. Please use those resources! The electronic files are a very easy resource to use and those working in church offices will appreciate them.

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Christian Mission

Every summer friends ask me: how does your garden grow? This may imply that I am a great gardener which I am not. Let the truth be known: I get the soil ready, sprinkle in the seeds or plant the bedding plants, water some and then I leave it up to the great Gardener and wait. I show up again at harvest time and am often amazed by what I reap!

This reminds me of our role as Lutheran Women in Mission. **God** gets the harvest ready; we do the grunt work. How do we know? Jesus observes in Matthew 9:37, *the harvest is plentiful...!* The crops are the multitudes who have not heard of the saving grace of God. Jesus goes on the say *...but the workers are few*. Wait, there is more, in verse 38, He commands: *Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field*. The message is so urgent that it is repeated in Luke 10:2, and John 4:35. So, there it is! We are called! Go and work. How do we accomplish this? In our pledge we declare to be His workers in whichever form He “has need of us”!

It's a new triennium and a new Christian Mission Committee.

What is the Christian Mission Committee?

It is the link to the MISSION in our name. How does it carry out this mandate?

1. A litany is prepared for LWML–Canada Sunday to acquaint everyone with the new grant recipients and to pray for the projects
2. A grants poster is developed – to be posted by societies – as a visible reminder of the current grants
3. Prayers for each grant are prepared, to be used at society meetings; when coins are dropped in mite boxes or cheques or cash are deposited into the new mite envelopes

4. Updates on the status of the projects funded by grants are provided as they are received via
 - a. LWMLC publications *Tapestry* and *Get Connected*
 - b. Stories from the mission field
 - c. Whenever possible, photos are added to keep the projects visible
5. Mites are promoted through
 - a. Updates of grant payments are provided in *Get Connected* and *Tapestry* and online
 - b. Mite and mission skits
 - c. Bible studies
 - d. Devotional material
6. The committee encourages active participation and mission awareness through
 - a. Knowledge of the mission program of Lutheran Church–Canada
 - b. Possible mission trips
 - c. Communication with and prayer support for missionaries
 - d. Invitation to missionaries on furlough to society or district events
7. Awareness of mission needs at home are also encouraged
 - a. Needs beyond mission service
 - b. Such needs may develop into grant requests for the next convention, at district or national level
8. The committee hopes to develop program ideas and materials to grow
 - a. More mission awareness for women in the pew
 - b. Mission-minded children and teens
9. A Grant Bank is developed of grant requests not voted on at the previous convention. This is available to the districts for their conventions
10. Feed-back from societies as to

their needs regarding mission grants is requested.

In any large harvest there's a bulk of workers: the harvesters, the maintenance people, cooks who feed the workers and on it goes until finally, the owner of the field. To get the goods to the consumers they all have to do their bit. And so it is in LWMLC. The women in our societies, in our congregations, are the workers. They collect the mites, see the needs for mission service. LCC has missions which need member involvement: our financial help, our prayers, our encouragement, especially for those in the foreign fields. Women in new churches may feel desperately lonely in the unbelieving world around them. They need a sisterly embrace which can come in many ways.

LWML–Canada could be likened to the “owner” of the field. Without the “harvest support staff “ – the women in societies – the elected officials and committees have no basis for existence. They are there to collect ideas and suggestions, implement them and filter them to societies. We call it program helps, Bible studies, devotional material, hands-on ideas, mission grants.

I believe the 2015-2018 General Council and committees – women who have come from the societies via various avenues – are committed to travel a two-way road, using any avenue possible to listen to societies and to supply them with whatever they need to remain focused, and vibrant in MISSION. It's our middle name!

Renate Bishopp, Vice-President



Member Development

As VP of Member Development, there are many roles to fill including mentoring, servant events and Gifts of Love. This triennium our committee will be focusing on mentoring and leadership training and all the other roles it will be our joy to carry out.

Excerpt from Procedures Manual (Member Development) September 2012

- D. Review website regularly and, working with Vice President, Communication and Internet chair, submit timely articles, downloads, information and PR material to the webmaster
- VI. Assist women in discovering and developing their own God-given gifts and talents
 - A. Research and promote Bible studies, booklets, workshops
 - B. Through *Tapestry* and *Get Connected* articles, challenge and encourage women to use their

- gifts in LWML–Canada and the Church
- C. Provide materials and training to enable women to be mentors
- D. Provide leadership and officer training
- VII. Advise and encourage members of opportunities for Christian service.
 - A. Compile and share new and creative service ideas with all levels of LWML–Canada
 - B. Consult with LCC Mission and Social Ministry Services for current servant events
 - C. Provide education in recognizing and acting on personal mission opportunities
- VIII. Research and provide models for organizational structures for all levels within LWML–Canada.

We are blessed with an amazing group of sisters in Christ who are serving their Lord. My hope is that we will be able to improve

communication between each society to national and national to each society. We remember that the most important thing we can do is help the next generation. We mentor all generations of sisters in Christ as we share our love of LWMLC with them. We have an exciting three years ahead of us as we grow in God's love and as an organization. May God be our Director and Guide as each of us grows in His grace and serves our church families and all the members of LWML–Canada.

The Member Development program enables women to recognize and use their God-given talents in His service.

The Member Development chairman and committee strive to assist societies in gaining new members. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"* (Jeremiah 29:11).

Lorraine Kaija, Vice-President

Convention highlights from Member Development

Welcome to the new triennium and our theme, "Fan Into Flame the Gift of God!" *For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God....* (2 Timothy 1:6). What a wonderful convention filled with Bible studies, an amazing speaker—Donna Pyle—singing, servant events, a very interesting intergenerational workshop, devotions, skits, entertainment and catching up with old friends and making new ones. Even the business sessions were enjoyable! As VP of Member Development it was a thrill to see everyone working together to serve their Lord with gladness in all the roles they played to make the convention a success

Gifts of Love recipients express appreciation

The response showered on Monica Place—supporting two lives at a time

with our gifts of love/in-gathering—was thrilling to experience. So many needs were met. It shows how richly and graciously we are blessed with God's gifts that we can share them with others.

From Maria at the YWCA "Children from families experiencing homelessness who are staying at YWCA's Kitchener-Waterloo's Emergency Shelter will have something special to take with them when they move into their new homes. Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada's "Everyone Deserves a Birthday" kits are being given to families leaving the shelter so they can celebrate their children's next birthdays in their new homes. The kits contain everything families need—cake, candles, balloons, etc.—to help make birthdays special for their children. Families who have received,

kits are surprised and pleased that members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada have taken the time to create and provide such thoughtful and helpful gifts"

The Haiti Lutheran Mission Society was thrilled with the over 80 pillow case dresses that were made—as well as the folded gauze bandages. The tray cards and random acts of kindness were also greatly appreciated by the participants.

Convention sessions still online

If you were not able to attend in person, please invite/encourage your friends to watch the convention highlights with your society or you! The videos are found by easy link from www.lutheranwomen.ca (see page one for details).

Christian Growth

At the end of August your new Christian Growth committee met together for the first time in St. Albert, Alberta. I'm excited to be able to work with the four district vice-presidents of Christian Growth—Karen Nerbas (ABC), Patti Kreutzwieser (Central), Eva Becht (Ontario) and Rhonda Faeber (Laurentian). Together we are committed to providing the women of LCC with materials that are engaging and enriching. As we're from all across Canada, we'll not only be better able to communicate to our societies what materials are available, but we'll be able to learn about what's going on in societies and share that with everyone.

Together we will strive to provide you with whatever it is you need to: **GROW** in God's Word, **SHARE** God's Son and **SERVE** God's people.

To aid you in keeping our women in the Word, the LWMLC website offers lots of materials for download. Each month the new prayer calendar and devotion are posted. We suggest that you print these back to back

Recording Secretary

"Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God" (Romans 15:17).

I am honoured that you have put your trust and confidence in me as recording secretary for the next triennium. With the gifts God has given me and with His guidance I will endeavour to carry out the tasks assigned to the best of my abilities.

A short summary of the tasks for Recording Secretary are as follows:

- record the convention proceedings and provide copies of such recording to zone delegates and members of the General Council;
- record minutes of the General Council meetings and provide copies to each General Council member;
- record minutes of executive meetings and provide copies to

and distribute them at your meeting. The Program Planner—Spice Up Your Meetings—is also available on the website. The planner provides a psalm to put the women in the Word and a devotion to help apply the psalm to everyday life. There are also mite litanies, hymn suggestions and prayers. All the materials have gone through doctrinal review so you can be sure that all you're sharing is of sound teaching.

As always, I would encourage you to share if there something you feel God has placed upon your heart. We're also looking for your feedback on what we've done as well as your suggestions for what you'd like to see us do. We're here to be of service to you. Please don't hesitate to email me at vpchristiangrowth@lutheranwomen.ca.

My task during the last triennium was made easier thanks to Irene Warpula, Ardith Pollex, Jill Munoz and Annette Borchardt. These women were, and will continue to be, a wonderful example to me through their writings,

- each elected officer;
- receive credentials of delegates prior to the convention;
- compile the convention manual;
- report to the General Council;
- report to the convention;
- keep an updated list of General Council members;
- work with secretaries of zones and data manager to maintain statistics;
- any additional duties as assigned by the president.

I look forward to learning and working together with the General Council, districts and societies to encourage all women to use the talents the Lord has given to each and to share God's love.

Betty Ann McKinty

their actions and their commitment to the Christian Growth committee. We were also blessed to have other women contribute in numerous ways—Gloria Sihlis, Karen Nerbas, Pauline Huth and Laura Goertz (to name a few)—making our load lighter.

Selfishly, I look forward to the next three years, knowing that through my service to you, I will be further enriched in my own faith walk.

Philippians 1 - I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

*Is His Service,
Roberta Nixon*

WRITE FOR TAPESTRY

Spring 2016:

What do we mean by love?

Deadline: November 1, 2015

We'd love to have you write for Tapestry. Following are some ideas for this issue to get you started.

- 1) Articles about agape love in action – serving others – from large actions to small, we are Jesus' hands and feet and reveal His heart by sharing His love.
- 2) Agape love in action may show itself in generous financial giving or kindness to a stranger, someone with a disability or health issues, or in any one of a variety of other ways.
- 3) Do some research and tell us what Martin Luther had to say about love.
- 4) Any of the above articles may tie into the Lenten and Easter seasons or perhaps you have a seasonal activity, recipe or story to share.

We'll get to the topic of loving our "enemies" next issue.

Send your submission to the editor-in-chief at tapestry@lutheranwomen.ca or 2816 Calder Avenue, Saskatoon, SK S7J 1W1.

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**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE-CANADA
FINANCIAL REPORT – April 1 – July 31, 2015**

	April 1 - July 31 2015	Proposed Budget 2015-2018
REVENUE		
Sale of LWMLC Resources	\$4,017.44	\$30,000.00
Designated For Mission Grants	\$358.49	\$7,859.00
Donations	-	\$2,850.00
Endowment Proceeds	\$522.69	\$1,200.00
Gifts For Growth - Donations	\$1,130.98	\$12,000.00
Gifts For Growth - Interest	-	\$12,000.00
Mites from Districts	\$17,117.63	\$206,900.00
Communication	-	\$500.00
Advertising Income - Tapestry	\$1,926.05	\$18,100.00
Subscription Income - Tapestry	\$15,991.00	\$66,387.00
Convention 2015 Revenue	\$107,182.20	\$110,503.00
GST Rebate	\$984.77	\$4,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$32.80	\$100.00
REVENUE TOTALS	\$149,264.05	\$472,399.00
*General Council & Intercommittee Meeting (funds transferred from Manulife Account originally received in previous triennium)	\$16,949.49	22,400.00
BUDGET TOTALS	\$166,213.54	\$494,799.00

****\$5,811.69 from convention revenue is offering #1 designated
for mites/mission grants**

EXPENSES		
Christian Growth Committee	289.53	\$2,000.00
Resource Centre Operations	\$4,724.00	\$30,000.00
Christian Mission Committee	-	\$4,000.00
Gifts For Growth Fund	-	\$12,000.00
Mission Grants	-	\$130,000.00
Communication Committee	\$2,265.18	\$24,119.00
Member Development Committee	-	\$2,000.00
Tapestry	\$6,648.73	\$84,487.00
Archives	-	\$250.00
Bank Charges	\$83.80	\$540.00
Convention Expenses	\$69,542.11	\$110,503.00
Executive Expenses	450.00	\$10,000.00
General Council Meetings	\$5,138.43	\$35,000.00
*General Council & Intercommittee meeting	\$7830.17	\$22,400.00
GST (50%)	\$529.34	\$4,000.00
Master Card/Visa Fees	\$196.51	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$463.15	\$2,500.00
Professional Fees	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Resource Centre Administration	632.32	\$6,000.00
Resource Centre Rent	-	\$6,000.00
Structure Committee	-	\$2,500.00
TOTALS	\$88,365.83	\$494,799.00

Revenue report prepared by Rachel Kuhl, financial secretary. Expense report prepared by Linda Horton, past treasurer.

Please direct any questions regarding the financial report to treasurer, Lorraine Weir, treasurer@lutheranwomen.ca, 204-261-0719.

Mission
GRANTS
2015-2018

\$26,000	Mission Opportunity Fund (% of total set by delegates each convention)
\$7,200	Curriculum Needs, Feeding & Christian Education Program, Nicaragua
\$ 15,000	Visiting and Site Pastor, Maritimes
\$ 16,000	Canadian Teachers, Concordia Seminary, Odessa Ukraine
\$ 5,000	National Youth Gathering 2016, St. Catharines, Ontario
\$ 4,735	Sewing School, Cambodia
\$ 9,000	Evangelists/Deaconesses, Nicaragua
\$ 15,000	Food, clothing and outreach, Community Cupboard, Kitchener, Ont.
\$ 15,000	Technology upgrade, Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton
\$8,532.50	Sister to Sister Seminar, Cambodia
\$8,532.50	Evangelists/Deaconesses, Cambodia
TOTAL	\$130,000

New data manager appointed

In August Laura Goerz took over the position of data manager for LWML-Canada. She is responsible for the circulation lists for Tapestry and also for information related to societies including contact personnel, number of members, etc. Those who gather that information for their district met with Laura at the recent inter-committee meeting with the plan to better integrate their work.

Any corrections, deletions, additions, etc. both for society contact information and Tapestry orders/renewals should be sent to Laura by e-mail to datamanager@lutheranwomen.ca, by phone to 780-299-6123 or by mail to Box 1201, Onoway, AB T0E 1V0.